

Tuairisc Bainistíochta na Míosa

Management Monthly Update

Eanáir | February 2024



Galway United Team members with Mayor Eddie Hoare
SSE Airtricity League of Ireland Men's First Division
Champions 2023

1. Seirbhísí agus Rialachas Corparáideach, Pobal agus Athrú Aeráide

Corporate Governance and Services, Community and Climate Action

Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse | Director of Service: Brian Barrett

Buacphointí | Highlights

A Mayoral Reception was held in Honour of Galway United in City Hall on 8th January 2024
€134,322.62 allocated to Galway City LCDC under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024.

Clár | Key Dates:

1 February 2024 - East Area Committee Meeting

2 February 2024 - The West Area Committee Meeting

8 February 2024 - 10am - Central Ward Area Committee Meeting

16 February 2024 - Closing date for Africa Day applications

18 February 2pm – 5pm - Leisureland Galway City Volunteer Recruitment Fair

23 February 4pm - Closing date for Mayors Awards online nominations

29 February 2024 - 11am - Joint Policing Committee Meeting - 29th February 2024 - Council Chamber

4 March 2024 - 3pm - Ordinary Council meeting - Council Chamber and online

1.1 Seirbhísí agus Rialachas Corparáideach | Corporate Governance and Services

Referendums on 8th March 2024

Minister Darragh O'Brien has made an order setting Friday 8 March as polling day for two referendums on proposals to amend article 41 of the Constitution. The Last dates for applications to vote in the Referendums are as follows:

Special/Postal Votes: Monday, 12th February 2024.

All other applications: Tuesday, 20th February 2024.

Log onto www.checktheregister.ie for further information on Special & Postal Voting.

If you want to vote in an election or referendum in Ireland, you must be eligible and registered to vote. You can register to vote: • Online at www.checktheregister.ie By filling in an application

form (available to download from www.checktheregister.ie or from Galway City Council on request).

Ethics Declarations 2023 – 2024

A notice informing Councillors and relevant staff of their Ethics obligations and a link to complete the online Ethics Declaration Forms has issued in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Act 2001. The closing date for receipt of completed declarations is Thursday 29th February 2024. Failure to submit a completed application is an offence under the Act. Queries to be directed to the Ethics Registrar Ms. Anita Kenny, Corporate Services Email:

ethicsregister@galwaycity.ie

Crown Square

Henry J Lyons, the Integrated Design Team for our office fit out will begin conducting interviews, workshops, and consultation sessions with our stakeholder groups to help inform the preliminary design of our offices, as well as conducting staff surveys and studies of our current buildings. This is an important phase to allow us to progress the design of the building. In parallel, the preliminary work for the preparation of our construction tender for the fitout of the offices will begin shortly. We will continue to update staff and stakeholders on these developments as they progress.

1.2 Pobal | Community

The Galway City Council Mayor's Awards are open for nominations following the launch on Thursday 1st February 2024. The Mayors Awards are the most prestigious annual awards recognising those who make a significant contribution to Galway City. These awards are an annual opportunity to celebrate inspirational local people and groups who go above and beyond to support our community. On this, the twenty first year of the Awards, Galway City Council would like all volunteers to know their contribution is very much appreciated and that volunteering is celebrated for its inherent value to our society, helping to develop vibrant, inclusive and sustainable communities. The Awards ceremony will take place in May.

Active Cities Officer commenced his new role on January 2nd. The role will focus on the four Active Cities pillars, Active Systems, Active Environments, Active Societies and Active People. As part of the Galway Active Aged pilot programme 25 older adults who were not part of the lucky group of the 40 memberships for Leisureland received free access to a delicated Aquafit programme of 11 classes in the facility, bringing the number or older adults supported to get

active in Galway City to 65 so far this year. €150,864.57 allocated under the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 2024. The Annual Activities Plan projects including 'Nature for Health' and Parents Wellness workshops with Presentation and Castlegar National School have resumed.

1.3 Gníomhú Aeráide | Climate Action

Strategy/Plans

- The Galway City Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) draft was presented to elected members at a special briefing on the 29th January 24. All documents have been issued to elected members and the plan is required to be adopted by 23rd February 2024.
- The Climate Action Team have directed resources to advancing the EU Missions for Adaptation to Climate Change to identify next steps for Q1 2024. EU Mission for Adaptation to Climate Change, Technical Assistance (Climate Matters) workshop scheduled with internal stakeholders for 2nd February (15 days technical assistance to advance climate adaptation plans)
- The Climate Action Team are reviewing a wide range of grant funding options to support a number of projects in 2024 such as building retrofits, solar PV and adaptation.
- Galway City Council will be utilising the WIRE app to record instances of impacts during storms in line with the climate adaptation strategy and LACAO actions.

Energy/Emission reduction

- Grant applications have been submitted for community energy grants and Non Domestic Microgeneration Grants for GCC buildings such as Melody Court community centre, Bowling Green site office, Galway Dog Pound, East United dressing room, Satellite Site offices. Total value of works is €200,000 approx with 30% grant funding available.
- Grant applications have been submitted and approved to commence retrofits to the Museum, Knocknacarra Community Centre and Ballinfoile Community Centre in 2024.
- Commenced developing an energy baseline for City Hall as part of the Optimising Power at Work initiative which aims to reduce energy consumption in City Hall over the next number of months.
- Building register of Galway City Council owned buildings being compiled which is required to be submitted to SEAI.
- Developing out a pathway to achieve Galway City Council specific 2030 targets.

Community Awareness/Initiatives

The Climate action team held a Community Climate Action Fund webinar on Tuesday 23rd January, 19.30-20.30 on Microsoft teams. This was a special online information session on the new €446,000 Community Climate Action Fund for Galway City. For more information and to register go to <https://www.galwaycity.ie/community-climate-action-programme>.

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Launch of Mayors Awards 2024. "The Galway City Council Mayors Awards are open for nominations following the launch on Thursday 1st February

2. Bóithre agus Iompar (Oibríochtaí), Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht, Caipiteal Spóirt, Comhshaol

Roads and Transport (Operations), Recreation and Amenity, Sports Capital, Environment

Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse | Director of Service: Patrick Greene

Buacphointí | Highlights

Response to Storm Isha and Storm Jocelyn by GCC crews and members of Local Coordination Group

Community tree and hedge planting day on Saturday 13th January with the local community and residents at Glenard Park, as part of the ongoing engagement with the community around the improvements to the local park.

R&A operations responded to emergency tree works after Storm Isha and Storm Jocelyn through out the City.

Clár | Key Dates:

22 January 2024: Commencement of Road Resurfacing on 1.2km section of the R338 Coast Road

2 February 2024 - Drop-in workshop for councillors on Woodquay Park enhancement works and Westside running track floodlighting Part 8 planning application.

13 February 2024: Transport SPC meeting

2.1 Bóithre agus Iompar (Oibríochtaí) | Roads and Transport (Operations)

- Resurfacing was carried out and completed at Spanish Parade L-50601 (Dock Road).
- Resurfacing has commenced on the Coast Rd R338 and will take 2 weeks to complete.
- Mobility Improvement works were completed at Bothar Brendan Uí hEithir.
- Footpath repairs have been completed at Oldfield, Shangort Road.
- Footpath repairs have commenced at Crestwood Estate and at Cookes Terrace Bohermore.
- Resurfacing repairs were carried out at multiple locations across the city.
- Remedial works to Mill Street Bridge commenced. The expected duration of the works is 8 weeks.

- Storm Isha and Storm Jocelyn: The Local Coordination Group (LCG) led by GCC, activated measures in response to the severe weather alerts on the 21st and 23rd of January. Clean ups and repairs were carried out at multiple locations by GCC crews after the storms abated.
- Quay Street & High Street Upgrade Works: Following the completion of pavement rehabilitation on Quay St lower, works have now commenced at the upper end of the street and remain on program to be complete by end of February. A formal road closure will be in place for the period of the works.
- Multi-Modal Transport Corridors: Topographical Survey will commence in early February as part of the Constraints and Feasibility Study.

2.2 Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht | Recreation and Amenity

Operations

- Responded to Storm Isha and Storm Jocelyn. Over 20 sites with fallen trees were cleared.
- Tenders currently being put together for repairs and upgrades to Silverstrand picnic bench area and beach steps structures damaged in recent storms.
- Cappagh Park pathways resurfaced and 20 number trail posts installed for 5km Parkrun.
- New ball stop nets recently installed at Millar's Lane pitches.
- Christmas tree recycling operations were carried out at Merlin Woods and Hunters Depot.

Masterplans

- Framework – All tenderers were formally requested to submit evidence required for declarations supplied with expression of interest tender.
- Kingston Millar's Lane Public Park & Public Urban Realm Project – lead bidder due diligence of evidence supplied examined and letter of acceptance to issue shortly.
- South Park Public Park & Public Urban Realm Project – Tender to be issue in Feb 2024;
- Renmore Neighbourhood Public Park & Public Urban Realm Project – Tender to be issued Feb 2024.

Cemeteries Update

Design works are ongoing for the New Lawn Cemetery, Old Dublin Road.

Bohermore Cemetery ground preparation works have been completed for the new pregnancy loss burial area located next to the Protestant Chapel.

Rahoon Cemetery James Joyce plaque and the Bodkins Mausoleum cleaned and a new plaque installed. The new plaque was unveiled by President Micheal D. Higgins on Saturday 13th January.

2.3 Comhshaol | Environment

Automatic Public Conveniences

Staff from Environment Section continue to hold meetings with contractor appointed for the maintenance and operation of our APC.

Air

Staff from Environment Section continue to work with the EPA on the “Clean Air Together” results launch which will take place on 22nd February in the ODC in the University of Galway

Bring Banks

Staff from Environment Section continue to hold meetings with contractors appointed for the operation of our bring banks.

Environmental Awareness

A new Environmental Awareness Officer has been appointed and is engaging with schools and community groups on upcoming campaigns.

Litter Management

Street cleaning and litter removal continues as normal. Road sweeping of estates and public roads have been extra busy due to recent storms.

Derelict Sites

Staff from Environment Section continue to undertake inspections on derelict sites throughout the city.

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New line marking has been installed at dog pound.



Community tree & hedge planting day in Glenard Park



Native hedge planting along boundary with St Enda's NS, Glenard Park



Clean up operation for tree that came down on ESB pole at Rockbarton Road



Cappagh Park pathways resurfacing and new trail posts works



Clean up to Grotto on Ragoon Road by Community Service Initiative Team

3. Forbairt Bonneagair agus Pleanáil

Infrastructure Development and Planning

Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse | Director of Service: Uinsinn Finn

Buacphointí | Highlights

Traffic Lights at Ros Caoin junction for the Doughiska Rd Cycle Scheme operational since Dec 2023

Clár | Key Dates:

24 Jan 2024 – Contract has been awarded for Parkmore Rd Bus Priority Scheme - works due to commence

25 Jan 2024 - – Public Consultation commenced under Part 8 for Bóthar Stiofáin Cycle Network

1 February 2024 – Annual Draft Residentially Zoned Land Tax Map Published

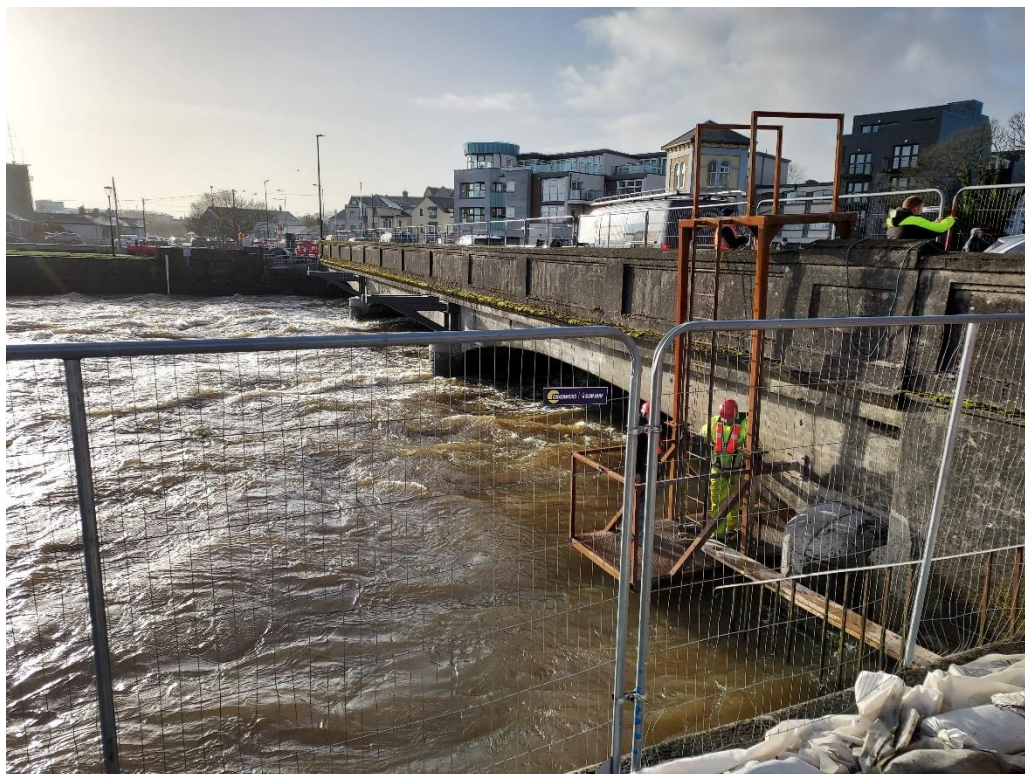
6 & 7 Feb 2024 – Bus Connects Galway: Cross-City Link Scheme Oral Hearing

3.1 Maoin Iompair | Transport Capital

Wolfe Tone Bridge Pedestrian Walkway II This month, the contractor successfully installed two supporting brackets onto the existing Wolfe Tone Bridge which will support the new cantilever walkway. Despite the works being hampered by the recent inclement weather, the project remains on target to be complete for the summer season. Further information available at

<https://www.galwaycity.ie>

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Brackets on Wolfe Tone Bridge

3.2 Pleanáil | Planning

The Residentially Zoned Land Tax annual draft map, prepared in accordance with Section 653C, as modified by Section 653M of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, has been published on the website maintained by the local authority and is available for inspection at its offices from February 1st 2024.

Any such written submissions received by 1 April 2024 other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data, shall be published on the website maintained by the local authority concerned not later than 11 April 2024.

Any such written rezoning requests received by 31 May 2024 other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data, shall be published on the website maintained by the local authority concerned not later than 10 June 2024.

Submissions can be made:

- Using the online submission portal following registration at consult.galwaycity.ie
- By email to rzlt@galwaycity.ie and

- By post to Senior Planner, Planning Department, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8.

The maps referenced above, and FAQs will be available for inspection at the following locations:

- Online at consult.galwaycity.ie or www.galwaycity.ie
- Planning Offices, City Hall, College Road, Galway, H91 X4K8 from 9:00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

3.3 Caipiteal Tithíochta | Housing Capital

Part 8:

Planning for the Ballyburke Proposed Neighbourhood Centre and Social Housing Scheme was published on 18th January 2024. The Development consists of 84 social residential units, a new central community/neighbourhood plaza area, local centre units, café and crèche facility. The scheme is due back before the councillors for decision at the Ordinary Council Meeting in May.

Approved Housing Bodies:

The Department have recently approved funding for a 102-unit Development on the Old Monivea Road. The Development is funded through The Capital Advance Leasing Facility (41 units), The Capital Assistance Scheme (33 Units) and through the Cost Rental Equity Loan Scheme (28 Units).

Affordable Housing:

A survey designed to obtain deeper insight to the public knowledge of Affordable Housing was launched this month (January 2024). It is currently running across social media platforms, with the GCC website survey coming shortly. To date we have received good engagement with 325 responses. The aim of this exercise is to gauge the appetite for affordable homes, desired locations and public perception of what an affordable home costs.

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Ballyburke Neighbourhood Centre & Social Housing Scheme

4. Tithíocht, Forbairt Eacnamaíochta agus Cultúr

Housing, Economic Development and Culture

Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse | Director of Service: Elizabeth Fanning

Buacphointí | Highlights

7th January 2024 - The extended Christmas Market closed. Stakeholder feedback being sought.

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17 February 2024 - LAMA Awards in the Dublin Royal Convention Centre

21 February 2024 - Next LTACC Meeting

22 February 2024 - Economic Development & Culture SPC Meeting @2pm

23 February 2024 - Next Housing SPC Meeting

4.1 Thought | Housing

Westside Hub:

The Peter Mc Verry Trust notified Galway City Council of their intention not to renew the lease on the homeless emergency accommodation at Garrai an tSionnagh, Seamus Quirke Road (Westside Hub) which expires in early February. Galway City Council are tasked with decanting the families currently availing of emergency accommodation at the Hub. We are also working with the City's homeless service providers to explore options to take over the management of the units. The accommodation will be retained in homeless services to meet emergency accommodation needs.

Cold Weather Response:

There were 47 different individuals who availed of the CWR over the month of December. There is an average of 15 plus most nights. The CWR has been operating at a level that it is

not leading to difficulties to date. During the recent weather warnings, service providers maximised space in the existing hostels as well as using private emergency accommodation.

Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 - 2024: Year 4 Progress Report Presented to the LTACC members at the December 8th Meeting.

Year 4: The targets below refer to the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Accommodation Type	2023 Target	Total Achieved
Standard Local Authority (incl Transfers)	10	19
AHB standard housing	5	4
Extensions to Standard Local Authority	1	0
Group Housing Scheme (LA and AHB)	0	0
Culturally Specific Traveller Accommodation	0	0
Permanent Residential Halting Site	1	0
Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)*	1	0
Long-Term Leasing Scheme	1	0
Housing Assistance Payment	20	0
Total	39	23

4.2 Forbairt Eacnamaíoch | Economic Development

Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, has announced the annual results of the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) for 2023 which showed that LEO Galway supported companies created 117 jobs in 2023. The net jobs created by LEO Galway supported clients in 2023 was 52, which takes into account companies that amalgamated, ceased trading and those that transferred on to Enterprise Ireland. The new figures show that the LEO Galway financially supported 259 small businesses in their portfolio across the county.

[LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE GALWAY CLIENTS CREATED 117 NEW JOBS IN 2023 - Local Enterprise Office - Galway](#)

Bizmentors and SCCUL Enterprises are excited to announce their Social Enterprise Community Opening Event, launching a series of events supporting Social Enterprises in the Galway region throughout 2024, in partnership with Galway City Council, Galway City Partnership, and Galway Rural Development. The event will be held at the Harbour Hotel Galway, on Wednesday February 21st from 10am-3pm. Mark your calendars and secure your spot by registering here <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>

4.3 Cultúr | Culture

- The Christmas Lights 2023 have been removed and returned to storage. Due to storms this Winter, repairs will be required to the lights before Christmas 2024. The Bádóirí an Chladaigh lights suffered damage during the flooding. These have been repaired and the lights will stay on in the Claddagh Basin for next 2 weeks. Send stakeholder feedback on the market extension to candc@galwaycity.ie with subject line 'Christmas Market 2023'
- candc@galwaycity.ie
- The St Patricks Day festival in 2024 is themed Olympics 2024 and we are teaming with the Olympic Federation of Ireland in their centenary year to support Team Ireland. The parade is now open for applications. This year the festival will take place over 3 days with the return of the Music Village to Eyre Square, our Olympics Fun Day in Salthill and other new events to be announced shortly.
- Creative Ireland funded project 'Old Galway exhibition and film with Kenny's Bookshop' has been shortlisted for this year's LAMA Awards under 'Best Business Working with the Community'. Winners will be announced on 17 February.
- Applications are open for the Creative Youth on a Shared Island Funding Scheme. Grant funding of up to €180,000 will be awarded to projects that open creative opportunities for young people to connect.
- Due to storm damage at Leisureland, GCC will create another entrance to the Amusement site from the car park in the coming weeks. This will facilitate access for amusement site equipment that struggles to access from the Prom when cars are parked on it.

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The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins Plaque Unveiling on 13/01//24 at the Bodkin Family Vault in Rahoon Cemetery. The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, unveiled a plaque recognising the connection of Rahoon Cemetery and Michael Sonny Bodkin with James Joyce and Nora Barnacle in the year of the 110th Anniversary of the publication of James Joyce.



30 January, 2.30pm to 3.30pm @ The Museum: "Brigid 1500 -the Saint, the Goddess, and the Weaving of Tradition 2024 marks the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Brigid (c. 450u2013524), who some scholars believe is a personality generated during the period of transition from Irish Paganism to Christianity, replacing the goddess Brigit, the Irish manifestation of the Celtic Brigantia. With Clodagh Doyle, Keeper of the Irish Folklife Division, National Museum of Ireland.



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Social Enterprise
Community

OPENING EVENT

Launching a series of events supporting Social Enterprises in the Galway region.

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024
10:00-15:00

 **Harbour Hotel, The Docks, Galway**
Lunch will be provided



For registration please scan the QR code
or follow the link
<https://forms.office.com/e/a8hf2ZEEYH>

 **SCCUL** Enterprise
Centre
Ballybane

 **Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe**
Galway City Council

 **Galway City Partnership**
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 **Enterprise Ireland**
GALWAY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. Airgeadas agus TFC

Finance and ICT

Ceann Airgeadais agus Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse TFC | Head of Finance and Director of Service ICT: Helen Kilroy#

Galway City Council
Revenue Expenditure and Income by Division with Adopted Budget
12 months to 31st December 2023

	Expenditure				Income			
	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Remaining 2023	% Spent	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Not Rec'd 2023	% Rec'd 2023
A - Housing and Building	44,664,788	44,807,516	142,728	100%	38,153,132	40,148,999	1,995,867	95%
B - Road Transport & Safety	13,882,149	14,042,850	160,701	99%	8,357,601	8,739,963	382,362	96%
C - Water Services	3,275,466	3,552,739	277,273	92%	3,083,772	3,398,199	314,427	91%
D - Development Management	9,862,635	11,158,538	1,295,903	88%	3,850,134	3,239,751	(610,383)	119%
E - Environmental Services	13,681,955	14,152,776	470,821	97%	1,319,934	1,709,681	389,747	77%
F - Recreation and Amenity	19,750,824	19,905,946	155,122	99%	8,344,303	6,654,638	(1,689,665)	125%
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	313,482	263,992	- 49,490	119%	119,409	56,867	(62,542)	210%
H - Miscellaneous Services	6,927,798	5,437,183	- 1,490,615	127%	6,289,691	6,110,795	(178,896)	103%
LG - Local Government Fund		-	-	-	4,518,431	4,518,431	-	100%
RA - Rates	-	-	-	-	38,744,216	38,744,216	-	100%
Grand Totals	112,359,097	113,321,540	962,443	99%	112,780,623	113,321,540	540,917	100%

**Please note that this is an estimated position at this time as the year end process is still ongoing

Revenue Collection Rates

Performance of Local Authority Revenue collection levels Dec 2023

	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Arrears at 31/12/2023	% Collected
	€	€	€	
Rates	46,119,125	37,382,488	8,836,638	81%
Rents & Annuities	11,799,670	9,405,993	2,393,677	80%
Housing Loans	1,835,159	1,618,795	216,364	88%

Overdraft Facility

No. of Days in Overdraft	3 days
Max Value of overdraft used	€ 2.3m

